

# California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services

# WHAT'S NEW?

June 2009

## Office Grants and Local Services Updates

#### **Recent Sale of Bonds:**

In March and April 2009, the State Treasurer was able to sell sufficient bond funds to enable the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to pay for the following highest priorities:

- Reimburse grantees for project costs incurred prior to December 17, 2008.
- Reimburse grantees for eligible project costs charged to grants liquidating on June 30, 2009.

Additionally, funds will be available for other bond funded projects. Therefore, you may proceed with your other projects. We estimate that we have sufficient funds to make payments through the summer until the next bond sale, which is anticipated to occur sometime this fall. However, if the payment requests received before the next bond sale exceed our projections, those payments cannot be processed until more bonds are sold.

At this time, we can guarantee that you will get paid, but cannot guarantee when that will happen. Therefore, we encourage you to submit payment requests as soon as possible.

Advance payments can be made for acquisition costs into escrow, but not for construction costs. Only reimbursement payments for construction costs will be approved. We cannot provide advance payments for construction costs due to new tax compliance issues on the State's part for the bonds sold in March and April 2009.

#### **Extension of Grants Liquidating June 30, 2009:**

The Governor is supporting a one-year extension of all grants scheduled to liquidate on June 30, 2009. While the extension will not become official until approved by the Legislature, the Governor's support means the extension is likely to occur. Extensions on grants liquidating after June 30, 2009, will be considered in future budget years.

#### **Project Officer Assignments:**

A complete list of OGALS project officers and their contact information is available.

### **Status of Grants Programs:**

See our website for additional information on all grant programs administered by OGALS. <a href="https://www.parks.ca.gov/grants">www.parks.ca.gov/grants</a>